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Logan and Todd Counties

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Mr. Julius Genachowski, Chair
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: WT 11-65: *Applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations*

Dear Mr. Genachowski:

I represent Todd and Logan Counties in the Kentucky State Legislature. These two counties are sparsely populated and underserved by mobile broadband wireless coverage. Even while running for office, improving access to communications was a high priority of mine. Consequently, I was among the many community leaders who worked successfully to have a tower built in the small town of Guthrie, which will be dedicated and operational later this summer.

That tower was built by AT&T, and plans have been made to build another one very soon. If AT&T is permitted to merge with T-Mobile as proposed in Docket 11-65, they will surely invest more into the state's broadband infrastructure. Coverage for an additional one million square miles and access to more than 97 percent of the U.S. population will be possible. Building out that network will create jobs, which will continue to improve and develop the economy long after the tower's completion.

This is literally a "build it and they will come" story that has been tremendously successful thus far. Expanded and improved access to the high-speed mobile Internet will help us retain residents and businesses and attract new ones. This service will help to connect our area to the rest of the world, and will enable Todd and Logan Counties to compete in new marketplaces, enjoy sophisticated new applications, and tap into some of the best resources for education, health, and entertainment.

AT&T has demonstrated that they desire to serve as many communities as possible, including those small or far away. That's admirable and warrants swift approval of their merger proposal. I wholeheartedly endorse that outcome.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha Jane King".

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